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SUBJECT: THE REV PARK HYUNG KYU CASE

REF: A. SEOUL 6527

B. SEOUL 6530

1. KOREAN NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (KNCC)
GENERAL SECRETARY KIM KWAN-SUK AND REVEREND STANTON
R. WILSON CALLED AT EMBASSY ON SEPT 27 CONCERNING
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN REV PARK CASE.

2. KIM SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN IN CONTINUOUS
CONTACT WITH ROK CIA OFFICIALS SINCE COURT PRONOUNCE-
MENT OF VERDICT. CHIEF OF ROK CIA SECOND BUREAU HAD
ASSURED HIM THAT "FOR HEALTH REASONS"REV PARK WOULD
BE PAROLED EITHER AFTERNOON SEPT 27 OR MORNING SEPT.
28. HE ALSO SAID THAT ROK GOVT. WAS CONSIDERING
EVENTUAL PRESIDENTIAL CLEMENCY DISMISSING SENTENCE
AT APPROPRIATE NATIONAL HOLIDAY. ROK CIA OFFICIAL
INDICATED APPEAL OF VERDICT COULD COMPLICATE GOVERNMENT
PLANS.

3. REV. KIM AND OTHER MEMBERS OF KNCC ARE NOW
HOPEFUL THAT PARK WILL BE RELEASED ON
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PAROLE, BUT ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER TO TRUST GOVT. AND

ACCEPT OFFER OF EVENTUAL CLEMENCY AT PRICE OF DROPPING
APPEAL. WHEN REV. KIM VOICED CONCERN TO ROK CIA OVER BONA FIDES
OF RE CLEMENCY OFFER, ROK CIA OFFICIAL PROPOSED APPOINTMENT
WITH MINISTER OF JUSTICE SIN CHIK-SU WHO WOULD THEN
GIVE APPROPRIATE ASSURANCE. HOWEVER, KIM SAID KNCC
NOT CONFIDENT THAT EVEN MINISTER'S PROMISE SUFFICIENT,
AND THEY POSSIBLY BLUE HOUSE LEVEL ASSURANCES MIGHT BE
NECESSARY.

4. REV. KIM SAID THAT HE WOULD CONTINUE HIS CONTACTS
WITH ROK CIA CONCERNING BOTH PAROLE AND
APPEAL. HE NOTED DECISION ON PROCEEDING WITH APPEAL WILL
HAVE TO BE MADE BEFORE NEXT TUESDAY.
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